

REMARKS

Amendment to claim 19 is to rewrite this claim in independent form. Amendments to claims 9, 10, 27, 28, and 30 are to correct minor informalities. Claims 28-34 have been amended to change claim dependencies so that they depend from an allowable claim. No new matter has been added.

I. Allowed and allowable claims.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-8, 11-17, and 35-40.

Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 19-27 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form. Also, claims 28-34 have been amended to depend from claim 19. Thus, claim 19 and its dependent claims 20-34 are should be allowable.

II. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 9, 10, 28, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite. These claims have been amended in line with the Examiner's recommendation, thereby rendering the § 112 rejections moot.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 18, 28-29, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,254,246 (Jakob) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0190737 (Kuhnel). Claim 18 has been canceled, thereby rendering the § 103 rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

To the extent that any arguments and disclaimers were presented to distinguish prior art, or for other reasons substantially related to patentability, during the prosecution of any and all parent and related application(s)/patent(s), Applicant(s) hereby explicitly retracts and rescinds any and all such arguments and disclaimers, and respectfully requests that the Examiner re-visit the prior art that such arguments and disclaimers were made to avoid.

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